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In his duty to serve all men of all faiths, the U.S. Armed Forces chaplain visits the sick and wounded servicemen in hospitals, mobile surgical units, and at the front lines of battle

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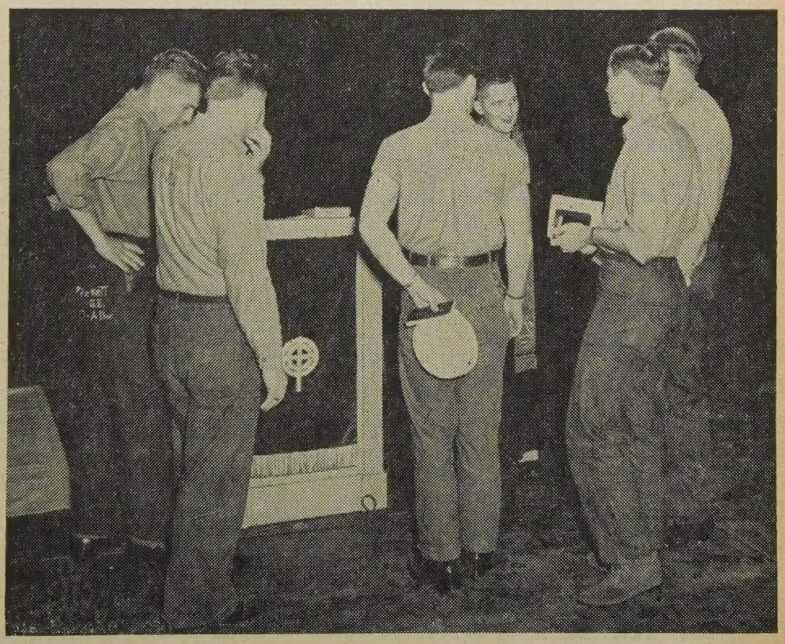
chaplain, as a pastor, organizer, counor, missionary, and military officer, seeks bring religious opportunities and enonment to all his men. Here a chaplain ds divine services aboard ship.



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WALK THOU WITH THEM

A Prayer for the Men in Service

LORD OUR GOD, who hast created and dost preserve all things, in whose almighty hand is the destiny of men and of nations: We pray this day for our beloved land and for our people. We have walked through days of war and crisis; hatred and misunderstanding between nations have been a mark of our years. We pray Thee that Thou wilt so guide the affairs of men that peace may come again—a just peace, a lasting peace. Grant that men may come to love one another so that we may walk quietly and unafraid, each one serving Thee in his appointed place.

With special tenderness we pray for those who are in the armed forces of our country. They are our own, the dearest possession we have from Thee. They go out from our homes and from our congregations to serve in the way their nation demands. We know that it may be a time of maturing, of growing in grace and in spiritual stature. But we know also that it will be a time of temptation, a time which may mar them in body, soul, and mind.

So we commit them to Thy care, O loving Father. Let the hand of Thy love be over them and the everlasting arms of Thy protection be under them. Sustain them by Word and Sacrament. Make them strong in time of temptation, firm in their adherence to their holy faith.

Bless those who minister to them, the pastors whom Thou hast called into the chaplaincy. Make them right shepherds of the flock, rebuking and admonishing, comforting and guiding.

Hear this our prayer, merciful Father. We remember the promise of Thy Word that to them that love Thee, all things work together for good. That promise we claim as we submit ourselves to Thy guidance and care. Amen.

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THE ROLE AND FUNCTION OF THE MILITARY CHAPLAIN

49 President Harry S. Truman by Executive Order ished a committee which became known as: The lent's Committee on Religion and Welfare in the d Forces. This Committee was made up of repre- ive churchmen, educators, editors, and civic leaders. e Executive Order establishing the Committee , that "It was the policy of the government to rage and promote the religious, moral, and recre- al welfare and character guidance of persons in the d Forces."

e Committee's Report to the President on the Re- s Program as carried on in the Armed Forces that "the military chaplaincy program is an in- and vitally important phase of the varied pro- of our Armed Forces to meet the responsibilities e Government and to promote the general welfare e men and women of the Armed Forces.

ır traditional faith in freedom of worship makes portant for the Armed Forces to make appropriate sions for religious opportunities. Were there no sion for a religious program in the Armed Forces, ry restrictions could seriously hamper the individ- erviceman's opportunity to worship and, indeed, completely nullify it.

ır Armed Forces fulfill their responsibility for pro- g the religious welfare of military personnel by ıg that responsibility upon all commanding officers, mmissioning as specialists in the field of religion, ied clergymen to serve as officers in the chaplaincy, y providing facilities and programs supervised by naplains."

porting more specifically on The Role and Func- of the Military Chaplain the Committee's Report e President has this to say:

The military chaplain functions to make available religious opportunities and a religious environment for military personnel. Each of the three military departments actually describes the role of its chaplains in different words, but they all mean fundamentally the same thing.

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On a snow-covered Korean hillside, an American chaplain distributes New Testaments of the Bible to infantry troops.

"As set forth by regulations, the Navy considers its chaplains 'responsible for the performance of all duties relating to the religious activities of the command'; the Army describes its chaplains' duties 'as analogous to those performed by clergymen in civilian life, modified by the distinctive conditions attached to military life'; and the Air Force portrays the Air Force chaplain 'as specialist in the field of religion and as such is the adviser to the general/commanding officer on all matters pertaining to the religious life, morals, morale, and character guidance within given commands.'

"The military chaplain is first and foremost a clergyman, in every sense of the word. But, more than most civilian clergymen, he is pastor, organizer, counselor, missionary, and military officer. By being an integral part of the armed services, chaplains, like members of an

intimate family group, can accomplish far more than one offering spiritual ministrations from outside.

"As a pastor, the chaplain conducts religious worship services, administers the sacraments of his faith, and officiates at baptisms, weddings, funerals, and the like. He visits the sick. He preaches sermons.

"In one respect, the chaplain's pastoral duties differ somewhat from that of the civilian clergyman. Chaplains are required to provide religious services for men of all faiths. On the battlefield, especially, chaplains have an opportunity to serve all men and demonstrate the essential unity of all races, faiths, and groups. At all times, Protestant chaplains are expected to conduct a general Protestant service in addition to the service of their particular denomination. However, no chaplain is ever expected to do anything contrary to his faith.

"As an organizer the chaplain is kept busy organizing religious education classes, religious fellowship activities, religious social programs, scout troops, day nurseries, camps, schools, cultural activities, and even teen-age clubs. His interest in wholesome entertainment activities and his appreciation of the value of cultural opportunities may find him voluntarily organizing a number of extra-curricular activities, either by himself or, more appropriately, in conjunction with his brother officers.

"The chaplain as a counselor advises the puzzled, comforts the troubled, and aids the distressed. He deals with broken marriages, empty pocketbooks, homeless families. He listens to the problems of servicemen who feel they have been treated unfairly. Because of his spiritual character, he is generally recognized, in all three services, as the man to see when help is needed. The chaplain is not the sole counselor in a military unit. Many officers function in the relationship of counselor to their men, but the chaplain is the traditional one to whom the servicemen take their troubles.

"It is impossible to place too much emphasis upon the personal example the chaplain can set for the members of the command in which he serves. Being a part of the organization, he is so closely associated with the activities of his unit and is seen constantly, that his every word and action, in combat situations particularly, is bound to make an impression for either good or evil. The responsibility of exemplary conduct is always with him. The Cross or the Tablets of the Law that the chaplain wears at all times as a part of his uniform singles him out within the organization as a religious and moral leader of his group. Herein is a strong challenge both to the chaplain and to the church which endorses him.

"The chaplain as a missionary is serving in what has been called 'the greatest home mission.' He daily comes in contact with hundreds of young men some of whom have never been in a house of worship, many of whom have never belonged to a church or synagogue. He has an opportunity to counsel these men, to instruct them, to bring them into the church if they so desire, tie them to an organized religion which will be a of strength to them for the rest of their lives. Bei servant of God for all, the chaplain cannot culti narrow sectarian spirit.

"Chaplains serving with troops overseas have a important area of responsibility. Just as the Am serving in foreign lands is a personal 'ambassad also is the chaplain, by virtue of the uniform he and the insignia upon it, a representative of the A can religious tradition to every citizen of a foreig with whom he comes in contact.

"As a military officer, the chaplain has his oppor to be accepted as an integral part of the militar to which he is assigned. Chaplains in the Navy s seas with the Navy; in the Air Force, they fly; Army, they march. Chaplains attached to airborne are usually qualified as parachutists. Chaplains a signed a key responsibility in the character gui program which has as its aim the promotion of m efficiency through guiding the character and mor military personnel.

"As a result of these functions and duties, cha are also able to make a distinct contribution t efficiency of the military man. They make this con tion in a variety of ways:

(1) They administer the rites of religion in battl in camp.

(2) As experts in the spiritual field, they are a advise commanders on morale problems.

(3) Through inspirational talks, they inspire m greater performance of duty.

(4) Through sympathetic counseling, they help personal problems and help servicemen perform duties more effectively.

(5) Through leadership in character guidance grams they help combat delinquencies and pro greater efficiency.

(6) Through their close daily contact with mi personnel, they provide an effective unofficial ch for redress of grievances.

(7) Through participation in rehabilitation prog they help restore to duty men who might otherwis come permanent delinquents.

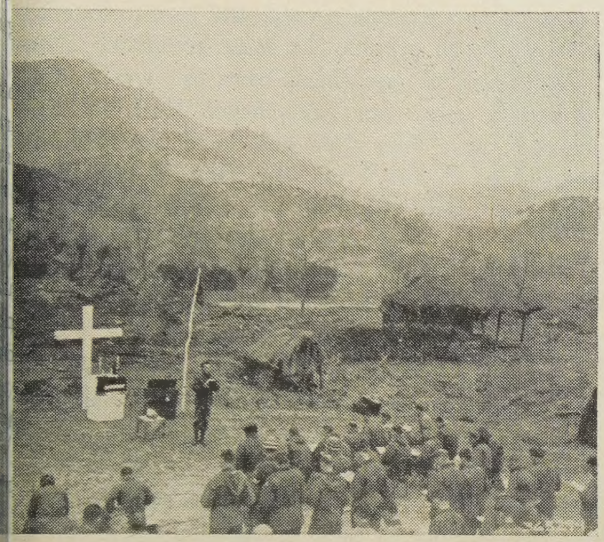
"It seems clear that all these problems and oppo ties accentuate the necessity for capable chaplai adequate numbers. They constitute a challenge not to the ingenuity and spiritual leadership of all chap but also to the civilian churches which train, recrui endorse men for the chaplaincy."

The above article is taken from "The Military Chaplainc Approximately 3,500 chaplains are now on active duty w the United States Armed Forces.

ing to procure chaplains for the Armed Forces and ans' Hospitals, and to help these chaplains during period of duty and post-service ministry is the ary Chaplaincy Commission of The Evangelical eran Church.

is Commission came into being during the 1952 ial convention of The Evangelical Lutheran ch through the following resolution:

It Resolved, That the Military Chaplains' Com-



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misty bleakness of the Korean countryside near the zone of a chaplain conducts Easter sunrise services to a medical on.

e of the Church Council of The Evangelical Lu- Church be made a permanent committee to be n as the Military Chaplaincy Commission, whose on shall be to procure chaplains for the Armed s and Veterans' Hospitals according to current of the Service, to maintain contact with and assist chaplains during their period of duty, and to help chaplains return to the parish ministry or allied when their period of duty is completed: and

It Further Resolved, That said Commission be rized to issue all calls to the Military Chaplaincy o establish the necessary relationships with the r governmental authorities in co-ordination with gencies of the National Lutheran Council, to pro- he necessary funds, in co-operation with the Board ustees, and to provide the necessary staff that these nsible ministries may be carried out."

ector of the Commission is Chaplain (Col.) ner Storaasli, U.S.A. Retired, and formerly secre- of the Bureau of Service to Military Personnel, Chaplain Storaasli was called to be director in ary 1953 by Dr. J. A. Aasgaard, president emeritus ELC, and upon recommendation of the Commis- Present members of the Military Chaplaincy Com- on are Dr. V. T. Jordahl, chairman; Dr. L. A. n; and the Rev. Bernt Opsal.

The Military Chaplaincy Commission

In charge of the chaplain procurement program of the Church, Chaplain Storaasli endeavors to foster interest and support of the Military Chaplaincy throughout congregations, through the medium of conventions, district and circuit meetings, as well as through auxiliary organizations and related agencies of the church.

His duties call him to serve as liaison between seminary students and faculty in the interest of the chaplaincy, and also to maintain contact, if possible, with chaplains on extended active duty, through visits to military posts, and in camps at home and abroad.

Relating to the military aspect, the director of the Commission studies the military program of our country as it may affect the Military Chaplaincy, and correlates this study and the Military Chaplaincy with ideas and information of similar church indorsing agencies.

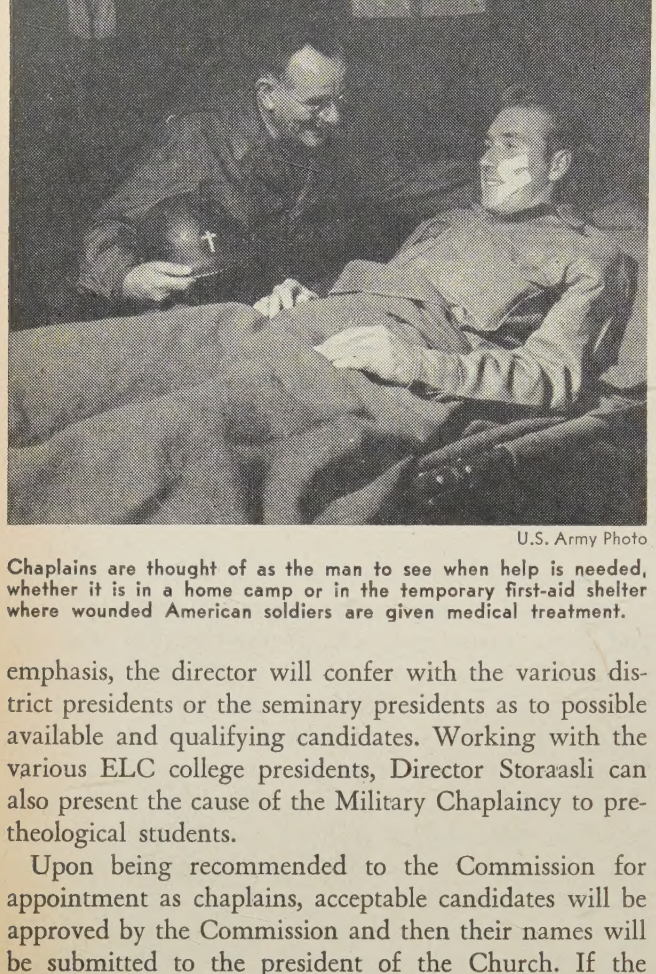
Director Storaasli's work also concerns the maintaining of informative relationships with members of the Commission on all matters of the ELC Military Chaplaincy; he also makes annual reports to the Chaplaincy Commission and to the church president and Council.

Through this connection with the Military Chaplaincy, the director will recruit chaplains according to the needs of the Services for all branches of the Armed Forces, the Reserve Forces, Veterans' Administration, and Civil Air Patrol.

Ecclesiastical indorsements of chaplain candidates are forwarded to the Bureau of Service to Military Personnel in the director's capacity as liaison between chaplains and church leaders and chaplains and the Bureau of Service to Military Personnel.

The office of the Chaplaincy director serves as a clearing house for any of the chaplains' problems, whether personal or military, and in this capacity he will visit the various chaplains on duty. The names of chaplains whose early release from active duty is impending is submitted to the president, the Military Commission chairman, and the district presidents to further a complete and quick relocation of the chaplains into the parish ministry or allied work.

Strong emphasis in the chaplain procurement program is based on the recruitment of young parish pastors or highly qualified seminarians. In co-ordinating this



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Chaplains are thought of as the man to see when help is needed, whether it is in a home camp or in the temporary first-aid shelter where wounded American soldiers are given medical treatment.

emphasis, the director will confer with the various district presidents or the seminary presidents as to possible available and qualifying candidates. Working with the various ELC college presidents, Director Storaasli can also present the cause of the Military Chaplaincy to pre-theological students.

Upon being recommended to the Commission for appointment as chaplains, acceptable candidates will be approved by the Commission and then their names will be submitted to the president of the Church. If the appointees of the Commission are approved by the president, a call is extended to the candidates.

Only the president of the Church, or a person designated by him, shall be authorized to give ecclesiastical indorsement to the candidates, and the withdrawal of this indorsement is tantamount to his recall from military service which follows a procedure whereby the recommendation for withdrawal comes from the director, through the chairman of the Commission, to the president of the Church, and to the Bureau of Service to Military Personnel.

One of the strongest mainstays in the development of a good Military Chaplaincy Program is that of the pastor-congregation follow-up program. Through this program, parish pastors are encouraged to maintain regular contact with men and women of their congregations serving in the Armed Forces through correspondence and church bulletins, and to avail themselves of the materials (tracts, pamphlets, Communion record cards, identification tags) made available to them without cost by the Bureau of Service to Military Personnel in promotion of Pastor-Congregational Follow-Up Program.

Fortnightly Review

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President of t

The editors of the LUTHERAN HERALD and *Luthera* have invited me to use their columns for mainta contact with the congregations and I am happy to a their invitation. The size of our Church limits th portunity for personal contact and so our church p may very well provide the most acceptable alter

As the mind goes back over the weeks that slipped by since our Convention, God has rede the promise ("Fear thou not, for I am with the not dismayed, for I am thy God; I will stren thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee the right hand of my righteousness." Isaiah 4 with which He lifted my spirit the morning of Ju when the news of the election reached me at th theran Free Church Convention at Thief River Minnesota. He has done it through a flood of and greetings, assuring me of intercessory support. such greetings have come in almost equal nu from friends in The Evangelical Lutheran Church from our sister churches in America and abroad. I refer to only one of these greetings and I do so be it came from the nominee whose name was seco the convention balloting.

Three days after the election, Dr. Eastvold in me to speak at the anniversary celebration of F Lutheran College on October 17th. I hesitated, fo Sunday is pretty well wedged in by appointments of which requires that I be in New York the next As Dr. Eastvold saw my hesitance, he added, know, we two must stand together." With that ob tion there was only one answer and it had to b On the last day of the Convention he said to me, ginning this morning I am praying for you every

And now these personal assurances of prayer su have been followed by September 5—the Sunday prayers were lifted heavenward on behalf of Dr. Ro and myself throughout the whole Church. Our f worshipped with the congregation in Central Lut Church of Minneapolis in order that we might sit b the altar which our delegates face when the C meets in Biennial Convention. That Sunday mo hour in Central will be a moment to which the will frequently return to be refreshed in the gra God which your prayers invoked. I can expres gratitude of Dr. Rogness and myself in no better than to say as I did in Central Church the morni September 5: Your support is our reminder that our privilege and obligation to pray for our pasto people.

The Military Chaplaincy Commission of The Evangelical Lutheran Church

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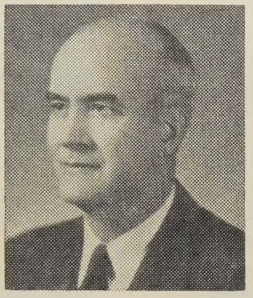

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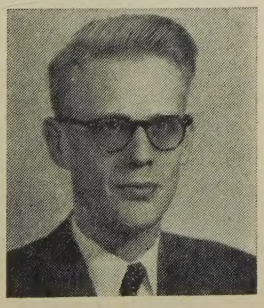

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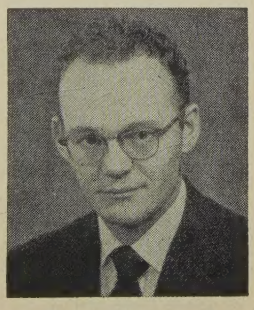

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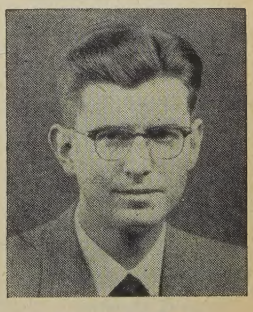

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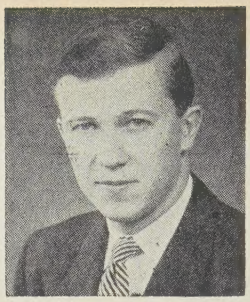

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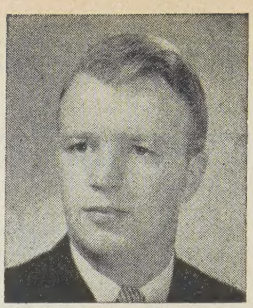

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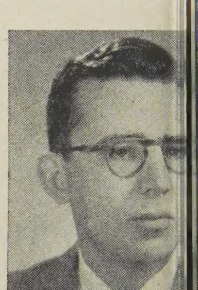

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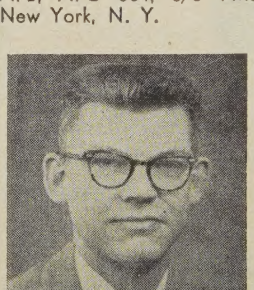

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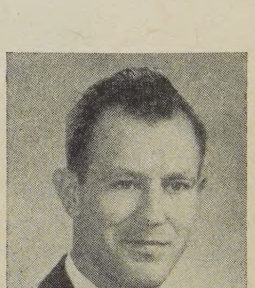

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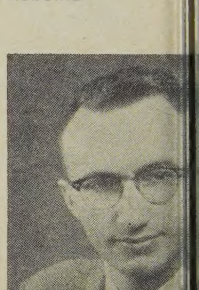

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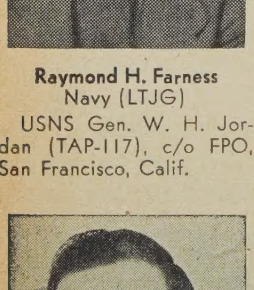

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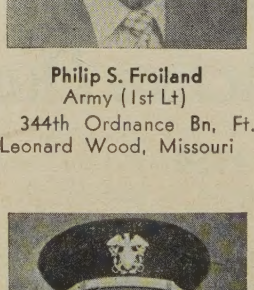

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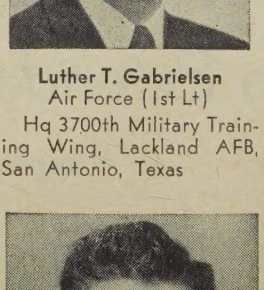

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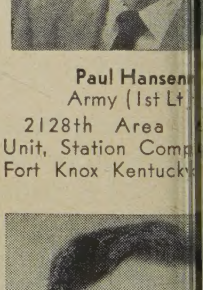

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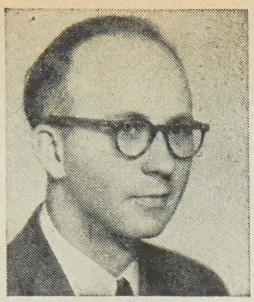

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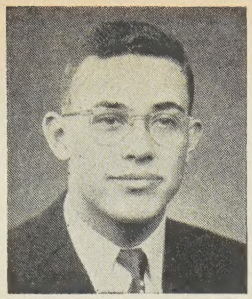

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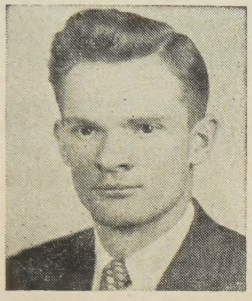

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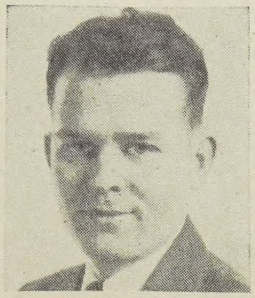

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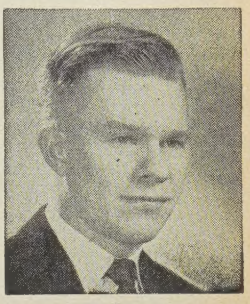

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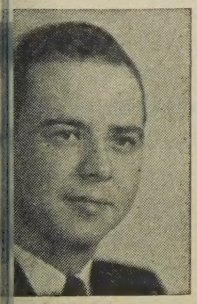

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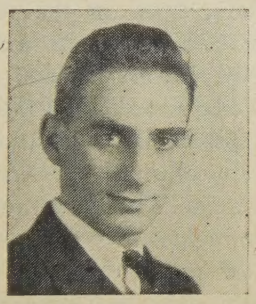

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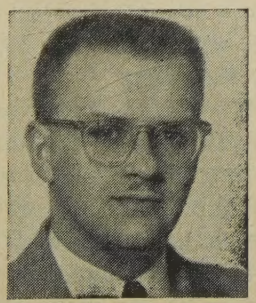

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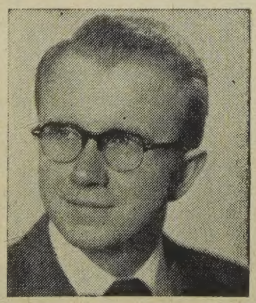

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An Airborne trooper has just left the plane on the command of Go! His chute has not begun to open as he holds a tight body position. A trooper falls at least 90 feet downward before his chute is completely open.

U.S. Army Photo

These men are about to make their PLC's (Parachute Landing Fall). More injuries are caused by improper landings than anything else. Even so, it is safer to jump from the 1,000 feet than to drive your car home after it's all over.

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Troopers from the 82nd Airborne Division board a C-119 Boxcar) aircraft prior to take-off. More troopers pray in C-119s than in their chapels.

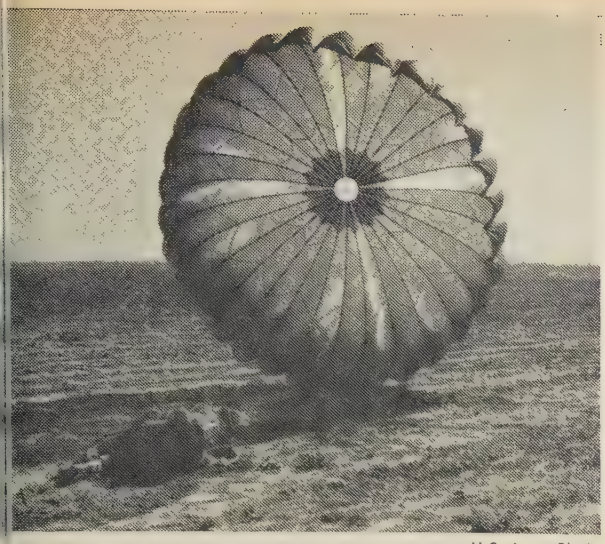
It's Great

I'm proud to be a member of the most elite gr fighting men in the world—the U. S. paratr However, I'm more proud to be a representa Christ and my Church to these men.

To be a member of this, the 82nd Airborne Div the All-American Division—America's Guard of or any other of our airborne units, takes trainin discipline. There are runs for instance, which go seemingly endless miles and some of the men fain in the heat of the sun. There are the push-ups, p and sit-ups which strain and develop the muscles they ache and pain until a man feels he can any more. The instructors seem merciless in p every man to his very limit. Then comes the hazard of jumping from the 34 foot towers to man's co-ordination of mind and muscle. At l fun begins with the 250 foot towers, and finall the real thing.

When it's all over and a man has complet successful jumps from an air craft in flight he is to be a trooper and to wear those coveted wings uniform. Yes it's great to be a trooper—but it greater to be a trooper for Christ!

To the young men who contemplate enteri service let me make some suggestions: First, t Christian in the Army takes training, determi and discipline. Therefore, begin today the habit o ing the Word of God—study it—memorize it, l



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landing a trooper must get up and run around the chute
y collapsing it to enable him to get out of the harness.

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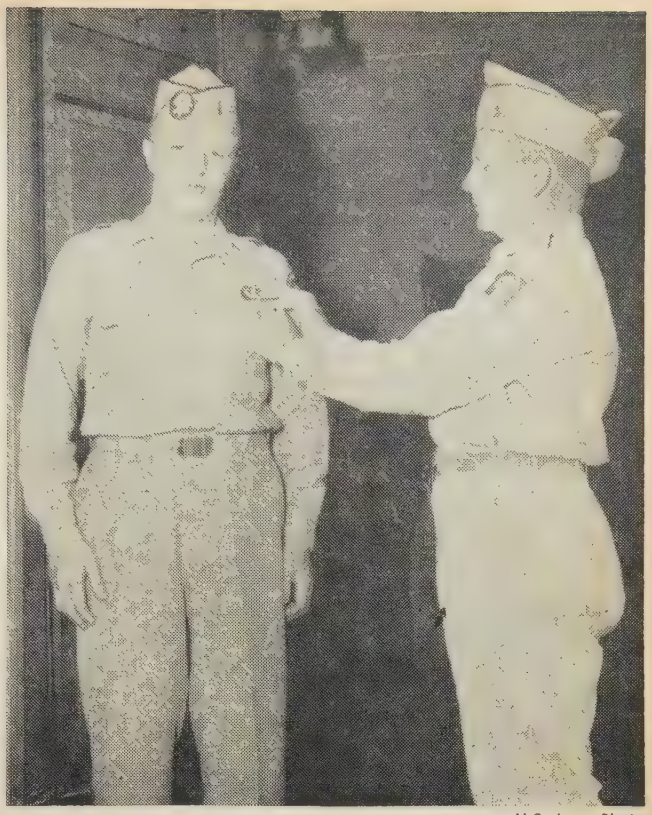
Richard L. Combs

t strong enough to take the test. Bring God with
when you enter the service. You would be sur-
l how many men from good homes leave God
home when they enter the service. Just because
family and friends will not know what you do
you're gone—remember that your conscience and
God see it all. Above all, be sure to bring God
you into the service—read His Word daily—attend
l services where you can worship Him—seek out
Christian fellows and buddy with them—pray for
lesire to resist all temptation—and then, besides
a Christian, be the best soldier in your outfit and
by a good example to the other men.

advice to parents, relatives, and pastors, I suggest
you write often and encourage him towards spirit-
hings. Send him the church paper, tracts, and
good Christian literature. Certainly remember to
for the men in service. Do not think that the op-
nity of the Gospel is missing where your boy is
ned. On the contrary, there are many witnesses
hrist in the services today, so encourage your boy
ake the best use of them. When he returns to
n life he will be a better Christian and citizen be-
of the experiences he went through while in the
e of his country.

r slogan in the airborne is "Be Happy, Be Lucky,
Airborne." To that I must say "amen" and add,
sure to take God with you."



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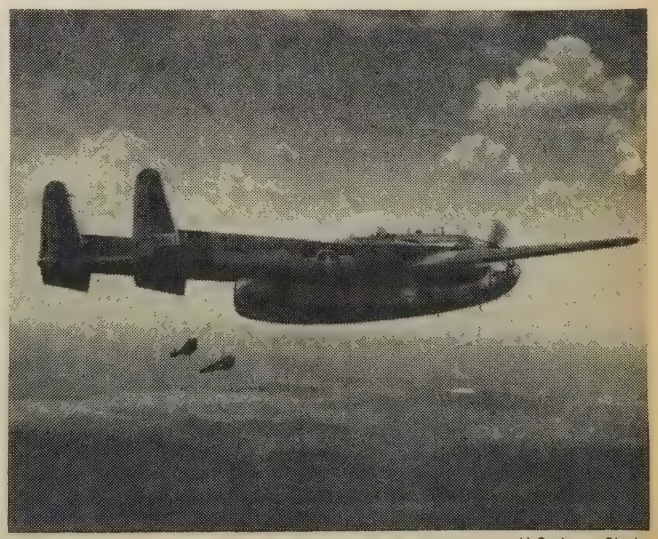
Author of this article, "It's Great to Be a Trooper," ELC Chaplain (1st Lt) Richard L. Combs (left), receives his Senior Wings from the Division Chaplain of the 82nd Airborne Division, Chaplain Ottomar H. Tietzen, Missouri Synod. Senior Wings are awarded to all troopers who have completed jumpmaster school and 30 jumps. Chaplain Combs has made 38 jumps to date.



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Two men jump from each door of the C-119 when the green light goes on. Five minutes before drop time the red light comes on, and the jumpmaster begins the jump command—Get ready—Stand up—Hook up—Check your equipment—Sound-off for equipment check—Stand in the door (then No. 1 man takes up a door position), and upon the command Go, each man jumps—20 from each door, 40 from the plane, in one second intervals.

Forum for the President

It is a high honor for us to begin publication in this issue of a "President's Column" from Dr. Schiotz. As he indicates, it is his hope to have something in the paper about twice a month.

We believe that it is an excellent plan for the president of The Evangelical Lutheran Church to choose for himself a forum for discussion of a wide variety of matters with as many members of the Church as possible. Our Church has become so large and its working program so complex that it is impossible for the president to maintain the personal contact with the pastors and people which was possible in a simpler day. LUTHERAN HERALD and *Lutheraneren* provide the best media available. We do not reach by far all the members of the Church, but we do reach more of them than any other medium he might select.

So we happily welcome to our columns the material which originates with the president of the Church. We look forward eagerly to transmitting to our readers anything he may find it wise to prepare.

Salute to a Colleague

Word reaches us that one of our esteemed colleagues among the Lutheran editors is just now observing the twenty-fifth anniversary of his editorship. We refer to the Rev. Edw. W. Schramm, D.D., Litt.D., editor of the *Lutheran Standard,* official organ of the American Lutheran Church. Cognizance of the anniversary was taken at the annual convention of the Lutheran Editors' and Managers' Association at Columbus recently. Since we were prevented from attending that meeting, we are all the more eager to use a few editorial lines for a public "salute" to a fellow editor with whom we have been closely associated for more than fifteen years.

The editor of an official Lutheran magazine occupies a unique position. His paper is "official" in the sense that it has the obligation of serving as the voice of its Church in bringing official communications to its readers. That also imposes the responsibility of attempting to interpret the life and faith and work of its Church. On the other hand, its "official" aspect does not go anywhere near the point where whatever appears in its columns represents the official stand of its Church. The successful church paper editor under those circumstances is the one who is able to be conservative while he is progressive, optimistic while he is critical. In our estimation, good Brother Ed qualifies. He is an outstanding editor, and we congratulate him and his Church on the paper it has.

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Whether we like it or not—and most of us probab not like it at all—we may as well accommodate our to the fact that the United States is more o permanently on a semi-mobilized basis. We are co to take if for granted that almost all our young "owe" Uncle Sam a few years of their lives, a debt they have to pay in terms of a certain length of spent in the armed services before they can settle to the business of making a civilian life and care themselves.

When we say that we may as well accommodat selves to this fact as inescapable, let it be clearly u stood that we do not mean thereby to imply th believe that we should conclude that this is from on the normal state of affairs. We emphatically d We consider (as we have repeatedly written) tha a completely abnormal state of affairs. Nothing can demn our country to an indefinite state of m emergency so irrevocably as the growth of a feelin this is as it should be. Whether it be in our day the day of our children, let no Christian ever give u hope or ever cease praying for the day of "a jus lasting peace" to come again to men.

Nevertheless, facts are facts, and the fact is th have tens of thousands of the members of The gelical Lutheran Church in the armed forces o country. Every congregation is affected; every f which has a son is included. It is that fact dictates the necessity of an issue once in a while cated pretty much to a discussion of what the C at large, the congregation, and the family are in tian duty bound to do about it. This issue ha purpose.

Actually, editorial comment is a bit superfluous remaining pages of the issue tell the story. Wha have to say may, however, have the virtue of bri all the threads together and pointing up some s duties which none of us can successfully evade.

THE CHURCH AT LARGE

Beginning with what the church body is doing be beginning at the wrong end. However, it is s and briefly outlined. While no one will say that thing which can and should be done is being do can be said with perfect truth that the Church is a great deal. To us, the most important fact

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d is that The Evangelical Lutheran Church has ıized its responsibility. This it did specifically by shing the official Commission which is discussed ıere and by calling a qualified man to devote his time to supervising an elaborate program of ser- ɔ those in the armed forces. Far too few Churches ıdone that much.

: Church further shows its awareness of responsi- by calling men into the chaplaincy. All those at ıt on active duty are pictured in these pages. Listed re those who have Reserve status and are thus t to call. Dr. Storaasli is constantly in touch with all. He is also busy about recruiting men for : duty. We doubt whether it will ever again be le to accuse The Evangelical Lutheran Church of g to send of its best men into the military chap- .

h that effort goes a fine program of informing s and congregations of their duty to the men in e. Excellent material is made available to the ains for their own use and for distribution. It is ɔ exaggeration to say that every member of our h wearing a uniform is under the prayerful pur- ɔf the Commission and its director.

ally, let it not be forgotten that we share in the effort of the Bureau of Service to Military Person- f the National Lutheran Council. Dr. Storaasli d this bureau before he was called to head our ɔrganization. Present incumbent is also one of the s of our Church, Chaplain E. O. Midboe.

CONGREGATION

ore importance is it that every congregation shall er to its men in service. After all, the Church at can be no more than the agency of the congrega- making it up. The basic spiritual ministry is that congregations. Are they aware of their duty and ey doing it?

accurate answer to that question is possible. We t that the effectiveness of the ministry of local egations runs from a splendid high to a deplor- ow. Those on the splendidly high plane have not ten the lessons learned during World War II. remember the weekly public prayers, the commit- which were constantly in touch with the men, the e flags, the honor rolls. The pastors of those congregations remember the blessed hours spent in writing personal letters to the men and reading their replies. Not a few pastors and congregations know that a son or two is now in the parish ministry, on a mission field, or in some other professional service of the Church simply because his home Church made what could have been a horrible experience of frustration and degradation a great experience of the nearness of God.

Why some congregations are doing little we have never been able to understand. If this issue could cause even one of them to become mindful of a neglected ministry, it would be worth while. Few things sadden us more than what a number of chaplains have told us the past year, that far too many of the men in their charge seem to have been completely forgotten by their home congregations. This is a sin which will not go unpunished.

One aspect of the ministry of the congregation under the "semi-permanent" mobilized condition of our country is long-range. We know now that almost all the boys and young men will sooner or later be in the armed forces. That makes it possible to prepare them in advance. It is surprising how many chaplains stress the spiritual inadequacy of men from our congregations. One chaplain spoke of their "spiritual illiteracy." Our first reaction is: "Impossible! Haven't we had a good system of parish instruction, with Sunday schools, confirmation instruction, and so on? Of course our young people are strong in the faith." We shall not argue the point. We simply state that more than one chaplain has come into the editor's office with a burden on his heart because he has found so many of our own young men poorly rooted in the faith they profess, with a very partial understanding of what their religion can and should mean. Perhaps we as a Church have been taking too much for granted.

THE HOME

We hope that the articles and stories in these pages may mean something to those who are left at home: parents, brothers, sisters. This in several ways. First, of course, we hope that the spiritual duty of the home will be brought home forcibly. Letters and packages are fine. But that the "Church in thy house," to use a Scriptural description of a Christian home, is exerting its ministry of prayer over the one who is away—that is far more important.

It is our hope, further, that what these pages say will be of some comfort to parents whose sons are in the service. Let them learn that the ministry of the Military Chaplaincy exists to give spiritual help to their sons. Let them be reminded that their own Church, their own congregation, their own pastor are vitally concerned for the spiritual welfare of their sons. And let them take new courage in their own ministry of intercession.

Training for Tomorrow

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Never before in the military history of our country have our people been confronted with demands of a military program comparable to those they face today. The long-range rearmament or military preparedness program adopted by our Department of Defense is by no means a temporary one, but one which is geared to continue for ten, fifteen, or even twenty years to come.

Military manpower if maintained at the present level of three to four million men will necessitate a turn-over of about one million men annually. That is, one million of our country's young manhood will be inducted into the military services for periods of service ranging from two to four years, while another million of our youth will annually complete their military duty and return to pick up the threads of civilian life where they left off.

This annual turnover of a million young men a year, were it only for one or two years would not disturb us too much, but when this turnover is projected for ten to twenty years into the future, thus involving millions upon millions of our country's youth—it poses a serious problem concerning the future well being of our land as well as its future citizenry. This is a problem which should be the chief concern not only of every loyal citizen, but especially of every institution and agency in our country, whose primary functions are to enlighten the mind, direct the thinking, and mold the character of the youth of our land. Of these character building institutions, the home, the church, the school are the most important. One fact must never be overlooked when considering our nation's long range preparedness program, namely, that the real stake involved is not money, or materiel, that is, something which can be seen and touched. The real stake is something much more precious, too precious in fact to gamble with, that intangible something we can only define as the soul or the spirit of America's young manhood.

Despite the great advancements which are being made in mechanical instruments of destruction for use in war, the full impact of any military preparedness program falls upon and must be borne by the young men of our country. Thus the parents, the churches, and the schools of our land are faced with a problem they have never before been confronted with, namely:

> *What effect will this long range military program have upon their youth's thinking, upon their moral standards of morality, their religion, their education, their life's hopes or ambitions?*

One thing only is certain. That the extent to which the enforced tour of military duty will make or break character; destroy, warp, or build real manhood, will depend for the most part upon the quality of t dividual's character and moral religious training he is inducted into the service; upon his sense o as a citizen and upon his willingness or unwilli to make personal sacrifices for the good of his co

It is an axiom in all military training centers willing trainee is a good trainee. The newly in trainee is not long in camp before he is earmarl catalogued. His words, his manner of speech, his or reactions toward military orders and discipline in no uncertain light the quality of his moral a ligious background. A uniform or the wearing does not alter a man's character. The Armed like the Federal Bureau of Investigation, have disc that the youth of our land, through no fault o own, denied proper moral and religious training their induction do not make good, acceptable or e soldiers anymore than they make good citizens.

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and he is old he will not depart from it" is the God-in responsibility upon the home, the church, and the s

Far be it from the writer to question God's wisd placing the responsibility for training of our where He did, or to criticize these institutions f manner in which this responsibility is currently met. However, the unfavorable reactions encou in so many draftees toward their involuntary ind into the Armed Forces; their resentment toward a tary program which interferes with the even ten their lives; their rebellion against military disci their lack of a moral and religious background their ignorance of what it is all about have give to the questions: Are the homes, the churches, an schools of our land facing up to the changes i national life brought on by our long range D Program as realistically as they ought? If so, wh they doing about it?

It is conceded that little can now be done by th ents, the churches, and the schools to change th tudes of those already in the military services. T now the task of the Armed Forces. But, much c done for those of our youth who are earmarke induction next year and for those who will be ind in the years thereafter. The teen-age boy of today w a draftee tomorrow. It is never *too late* to start, the improvement of young manhood is the goal with the long range rearmament program ahead we cannot start *too early.*

Currently we have no statistics setting forth the ber of members of The Evangelical Lutheran C

are in the Armed Forces. Based upon the total
ıbership of our Church in relation to the total mem-
ıip of the Protestant Churches in our country a
ervative estimate would indicate that there are in
neighborhood of thirty thousands members of our
rch in military uniform. Percentage wise and on
ɔasis of the total annual turnover in military person-
indications are that no less than ten thousand ELC
ıbers flow in and out of the Armed Forces each year.
is by no means a small segment of our Church
ıbership which is and will be exposed to military
for many years to come.
ıe pressing burden of ELC parents, pastors, congre-
ɔns, and teachers is therefore, to train up their youth
ıe way they should go so that when they are in-
ed into the military service they will be morally
spiritually fortified to meet the trials, temptations,
hardships of military life in order that when their
of military service has expired they may return to
ian life better qualified morally and spiritually for
life's work. The future strength of the church as
as that of the state will depend in large measure
ı the attitudes and strength of character of our re-
ing servicemen.

hful thinking or hoping for the best on the part
ur character building institutions is not enough.
ething concrete must be done about it and the time
art is now.
aring in mind that even the very young teen-age
of today faces induction 10 to 15 years hence no
should be lost in preparing his mind and heart
he eventuality of his being drafted into the Armed
es of his country.
view of this eventuality were I a parent of a teen-
boy, I would:

Intensify his moral and religious instruction in
e home to fortify his powers of resistance against
e temptations of the flesh and of the spirit. I
ould make sure he understood that all sins are
ınsgressions of God's moral law; that he is first
all answerable to God; that when tempted to
mpromise with evil, God must be obeyed rather
an man; that duly constituted authority in school,
unicipality, state, and nation is but an extension
the authority which God conferred upon his par-
ıts and which he as a child of God is in duty
ɔund to obey; that in all relationships with his
ighbors, the spirit of the Golden Rule should
ɔminate his actions;
Broaden his moral and religious instruction
rough insistence upon regular attendance at Sun-
ıy school, Bible classes and Worship Services and
ıcourage daily reading of God's Word to sustain
and deepen his faith in the reality of an Omnipotent, Omniscient, All-Merciful God, and Loving Father;

Supplement his school instruction in civic and related subjects on the basis of the admonitions of the 13th chapter of Romans to help him understand that the performance of the duties of good citizenship is imposed upon him by God's Will;

Point out to him that freedom of action is not license; that liberty is retained only by eternal vigilance on the part of all good citizens, and that to bear arms for one's country is a privilege as well as the duty of free men;

Lastly—*Indicate* to him the probable effects his induction will have upon his education and his preparation for his life work; help him to understand that eventual induction need not change his plans but merely delay their fulfillment; that any readjustments or delay in his plans' fulfillment will be more than compensated for by the many and varied benefits he will derive from his tour of military duty.

If I had a son in the Armed Forces it is a foregone conclusion that I would pray for him daily, and write to him regularly. A happy soldier is one who receives mail regularly. Through my correspondence I would:

Keep him posted on events at home and among his friends; conceal from him minor home troubles; tell him how greatly he is missed, but refrain from sympathizing with him and his lot; let him know how proud I am of his uniform and what a great privilege is his to bear arms; urge him to be an outstanding soldier of Christ as well as of his Country; and to place his trust in God's providential care always.

Were I a parish pastor today I would make it a special concern of mine to do all in my power to prepare the older teen age youth of my congregation for their eventual induction into the Armed Forces. As their spiritual shepherd I would:

Complement their regular religious and moral instruction as it pertains to their personal relationship with God, with instruction slanted toward their lives as loyal and law-abiding citizens;

Seek to interest them in outstanding historical events in their country's history. Point out to them what makes America great. Seek to foster pride in their country.

Emphasize the privileges of American citizenship and what they should give rather than the opportunities of American citizenship and what they can get out of it;

Discuss with them the causes of past wars and

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principles involved with special reference to the rent causes of world unrest—Democracy versus mmunism;

Explain to them the need for our nation's long ge rearmament program, the stakes involved, l the part they may be called upon to play in ir country's defense program.

a pastor of young men whose names have already drawn for early induction and of church members ly in the Armed Forces, I would:

Seek a personal interview with each draftee in- idually before he departed; counsel him in things itual; pray with him; assure him of my abiding rest in his welfare; and elicit a promise from ı that he will wear the uniform with pride and e his country with honor;

Conduct a special farewell service of worship, with ly Communion for draftees and members of their ilies, preferably on the Sunday prior to their de- ture; send them forth with the assurance of d's blessings and the prayers of their fellow par- oners;

Appoint a Service Men's Committee within the gregation: to maintain regular contact with their ow members in uniform; to keep them informed what goes on at home through means of church bulletins and church programs; to send them appropriate religious tracts and pamphlets, birthday and seasonal greetings, etc.; to assure them of a "hero's" welcome when they return. (Note: No thought is quite so satisfying and spiritually sustaining to a person in uniform as the knowledge and conviction that the people at home really miss him and expect great things of him.)

Write a personal letter to each uniformed member periodically, more as a friend than as a pastor, assuring them of my friendly and personal concern for the everyday problems they may encounter in the services and my readiness to share their problems with them:

Pray for their welfare and, God willing, for their safe return, at every public worship service, and if the numbers are not too great intercede for them by name before the Throne of Grace;

If I were an educator serving in my capacity in our public schools or higher educational systems from that of a teacher in the class room to that of a president of a college, and the need for moral and military rearmament being what it is today, I would:

Make it my responsibility that instruction in morality complemented the impartation of knowledge on the premise that knowledge without direction is dangerous;

Emphasize that character is more important than brains; that the primary purpose of education is not to enable the student to make a good living, but a good life; that good society is based upon the goodness of the individual, upon individual integrity, personal responsibility, and conscientious dependability; that respect for the rights and property of others and the spirit of helpfulness and unselfish service on the part of the individual are essential in a society of free men;

Impress upon all students of civic and all related subjects that public morality is but a composite of individual or private morality; that a democracy's strength is in proportion to the morality of its individual citizens;

Seek to inculcate proper respect for constituted authority in all areas of government, local, state, national; to imbue them with the desire and will to perform the duties and assume the obligations of good citizenship especially in times of great need for military rearmament and preparedness;

Help them to understand that a government such as ours, "of the people, by the people, and for the people," can endure only if, and when all citizens in times of great national emergencies deem the privileges of American citizenship of so great worth that retention of them is worthy of any sacrifice—even life itself.

Concerning V.I.P.s

Harold B. Kildahl

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
October 17, 1954
Text: John 10:23-38

In the measure of the Lord and according to the standards of heaven, you are a very important person. The factor of largest importance in the proclamation of the Gospel, because of its variable nature, is the individual heart and soul. The task of the Christian, be he pastor or layman, is to convey to others the truths of God. Therefore, in spite of personal prejudices, in spite of the bias or the opinion each one holds in life, it finally becomes essential for him to face up to the question: What think ye of Christ? To you, therefore, let me put it—just how do you regard this whole matter of the Christian faith and life? What do you think of the promise, the power, and the presence of Jesus Christ in your life? Today, for instance.

The text offers you a practical test, if you will submit to it. You noticed that Christ said: "My sheep hear my voice." That's first, always. You can call it the art of hearing with the heart as the Spirit of God speaks in and through the Word of God. It is important too, because anyone who would really be a Christian and live a Christian life must rely on the counsel, the inspiration, the admonition, and the comfort of the Word of God where the voice of Christ is heard.

It's a bit difficult to understand how so-called Christian men and women can ever hope to rise above the earthly, to overcome the negative, to give serious battle to the downbeats of daily living without the means and the power and the strength that God provides in His Word. To live without the daily nourishment of the Word of God is to live a life of Christian imitation, motivated by hearsay, out of touch and contact with the Source and Giver of grace for every need. To think that Christian goals can be reached without the Word in life is to think fallacious thoughts.

Hear the voice. That's first. Then follow where it leads. Put it together and it comes out thus: faith and action, belief and love, trust and obedience.

How do you "stack up," friend? Your daily life is of utmost importance because today is the day God has given you. Have you read the Word and heard it with your heart? Have you prayed for grace to "follow through" in obedience to Him who is the Good Shepherd of your soul?

If the Christian faith shall one day "win through" and capture the hearts of men for God it will be the work of God through the very important persons who believe in Him. It will be done by those who hear the voice and carry through. You could be one of His. Amen.

Outward Forward Marc

Philip S. D

Once again the editors of the *Christian Herald* a be thanked for their service to the churches of Am as they publish the only annual roundup of ch statistics under the heading, "The State of the Chu (September issue). Once again they report he church growth, showing that "more people are affil with more congregations than ever before in Ame While population grew by 1.7%, the last year church gained 2.8% as its membership increase 2,565,716. Membership rose to a new high, 94,84 or 59.5% of the entire population.

One new congregation was organized every (every 57 seconds, to be exact) and one church me was gained every 13 seconds. This suggests tha church is on the march.

Turning some of these facts around gives us a d ent impression, however. Note that there was one a sion for every 36 people, which means that it too people a whole year to gain one convert! Note that there are still 64,556,894 Americans who kno church membership. This is as many unchurche the entire population in 1890. Or, again, it is like sa that there are 22 Minnesotas still to be brought the church!

Looking at the positive side, we thank God fo outward gains of the church even as we pray tha gospel may be preached with power in churches e where lest all our statistics be mere numbers still c to heaven for grace.

Summarizing the state of the church we again q the *Christian Herald:*

"More church members than ever before in histo 94,842,845.

"More congregations than ever before in histo 294,359.

"A larger proportion of the population are ch members than ever before in history—59.5%.

"From 1952 to 1953 church membership had a net increase—2,565,716.

"Percentagewise, church membership increased stantially—2.8%.

"Percentagewise, the U.S. population increased substantially—1.7%.

"More Protestants than ever before in history—55 325.

"More Roman Catholics than ever before in histo 31,476,261.

"Protestant share of total membership—58.9%.

"Roman Catholic share of total membership 33.1

"Year when church membership (at present rate) pass 100 million—1956."

Meditations for the Family Altar

J. R. Hestenes

TOWARD THE NINTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Epistle: Romans 10:14-21

The Gospel: John 9:1-11

Monday, October 18
RAIN OR SHINE
Read James 5:13-21

ny among you suffering? Let him s any cheerful? Let him sing praise.

es is making a plea for an all- dependence upon God. We should God not only in suffering, but also It has been said that when we are ɔth God and the doctor increase in ance; as soon as we get well we ɔ forget both of them. This may true of all of us, but it points up dency of running to God when trou- nes, or turning to Him only as we ɔld. God is pleased to have us pray ı at any time, it is true; but what nts most of all is a living relation- rith Him at all times. He is God uring suffering and well-being, dur- rrow and joy. We should know nd live unto Him, rain or shine.

astor tells of a member who did tend services, but never missed a . The poor man became well ac- ed with the God of the sorrowing, ew precious little of the God who our joys.

ch us to pray, O God, when we are d when we are glad. Amen.

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Tuesday, October 19
ABOUT BLINDNESS
Read John 9:24-41

"One thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said unto him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"

The happy man who had his blindness cured at the hands of Jesus had a great deal of explaining to do. In his own mind there was no question about the power of Jesus. The very fact that he was released from a world of darkness was enough proof for him. But here were these other people who had cornered him and kept asking hard questions. He found himself trying to explain the whole thing to a group of men who were blind in another way.

Are you able to explain the power of Jesus to those around you? If He has saved you, do you know how to lead other people so that they also can know the joy of salvation? People can be just as difficult to approach today as they were in the story of the blind man. But that should not stop us from giving a simple testimony of faith in Him who has the power to cure blindness.

Use me, dear Jesus, to bring light.

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Wednesday, October 20
FORGIVENESS
Read Psalm 32:1-7

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. . . . When I declared not my sin, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

If ever we are tempted to think lightly of forgiveness we should turn to this Psalm. Here forgiveness is presented as the lifting of a load from the body of a person. It is a deliverance from something harmful. This is true. For when sin is not forgiven, we are under condemnation and simply cannot be happy. No one can be happy if he is not at peace with God.

Well known to doctors is the trouble that comes from deep-seated guilt. Lack of inward peace which is present because of unconfessed and unforgiven sin, works all sorts of mischief. Sometimes ordinary functions of the body are upset; sometimes the nerves or the mind are affected.

Sin is always against the will of God and destroys everything it comes into contact with. But forgiveness heals and restores true peace and happiness.

I value Thy forgiveness, O God. Amen.

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Thursday, October 21
GOD-DIRECTED
Read II Thessalonians 3:5-12

y the Lord direct your hearts to the f God and to the steadfastness of

is different for those who are under orders. They know something about ve of God and the spirit of Jesus. keeps them from sitting down in a g chair and spending all their days ing their thumbs They know they ɔt here to be lazy. Also, they are the temptation of reaching out to t everything in life as though it had great importance, no matter what it

e reason for all this is that the life s God-directed is one that is com- to well-doing. For Christians the on is to be doing the will of God. calls for ceaseless and loving activity ry field.

day you will have, or did have, a number of openings, or opportuni- ɔ do in a special way the will of At all times be God-directed!

Thou my Leader, O Jesus. Amen.

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Friday, October 22
TREASURE
Read Matthew 6:19-23

"But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break through and steal."

Most of us have trouble at this point. We are inclined to go along with the idea that "a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush." So, when the Bible tells us that the treasures of the Kingdom are worth more than the treasures of the earth we have trouble with it. In our minds we will agree with Jesus, but in our year-in, year-out living we disagree. This is true because we treasure things of earth.

True treasure is with Christ, with the Kingdom, and with the life to come. This must be reflected in our living. A man went around bragging that he would have $80,000 in the bank before he died. He did—and he died. The treasure he worked for was left behind. He went into eternity without his money True treasure does not evaporate with the end of this life. True treasure is eternal.

Jesus, help us to invest in Thee. Amen.

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Saturday, October 23
THE BLUES
Read I Kings 19:1-18

And he lay down and slept under a broom tree; and behold, an angel touched him, and said to him, "Arise and eat."

Elijah was in deep trouble, not for anything he had done against God, but for something he had done for God. Jezebel was filled with anger because of the death of the priests of Baal. She was determined to kill Elijah who was responsible for this. Elijah sought to hide himself by running away. Tired and depressed, he prayed, saying, "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life." He was so blue he wanted to die.

Often we too, become blue. The mood is brought on by disappointment, trouble, or sickness. Then it seems that all happiness disappears and sometimes we feel, like Elijah, that we wish to die.

What happened to Elijah? An angel touched him and said, "Arise and eat." When we are blue, why not call to God and ask Him to cheer us up? God is able to deal with all things, including the blues.

In times of depression, dear Father, bring us true cheer. Amen.

Here and There on the Christian Front

Edited by Raymond M.

NORMS FOR ECONOMIC LIFE

The application of Christian principles to economic life is the subject of a 4,000 word declaration by the General Board of the National Council of Churches. This controversial area of discussion, studied for two years, produced 13 "norms for guidance" in relating religious principles to social and economic problems.

The statement approved responsible free enterprise. It warned against actual union of political and economic power, but added that "some use of government in relation to economic activities" was necessary to guarantee human freedom.

Among the "norms" included in the declaration were reminders that ethical demands on economic institutions must take into account the need for efficiency and productivity in satisfying human needs, and that Christians should work for a situation in which all persons have access "at least to a minimum standard of living." There was also an assertion that some inequalities of wealth and income are necessary in our society, but that "great contrasts between rich and poor . . . tend to destroy fellowship . . . and to undercut the political institutions of a responsible society."

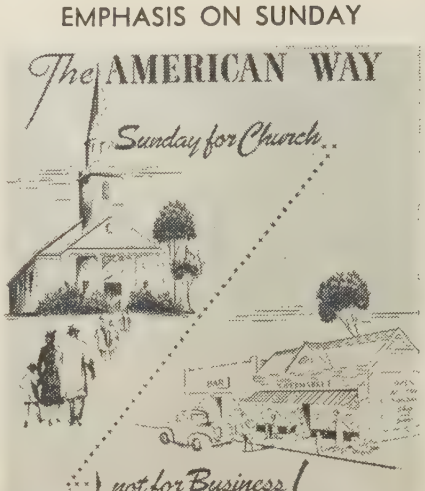
COMIC BOOK CZAR

Judge Charles F. Murphy of New York has been selected as the Code Administrator for the newly-created Comics Magazine Association of America. It will be his task to eliminate all horror, terror, and other objectionable material from the publications of the Association which comprises 24 of the nation's 27 comic magazine publishers. Also members of the Association are the major distributors, printers, and engravers in the industry.

Judge Murphy is a Roman Catholic. During the last five years he has organized many projects to combat and reduce juvenile delinquency. He has been given full authority to carry out and enforce a strict, self-imposed set of standards for the Association. His first undertaking will be to develop a basic Code of Ethics for the industry.

Comics passed by the administrator will carry a formal seal of approval, placed on the cover of all approved books.

EMPHASIS ON SUNDAY



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This poster is being used by the Lord's Day Alliance of the U.S. in a national campaign to develop stronger public support for the observance of Sunday, with its message: "The American Way—Sunday for Church, Not Business—Let's Keep It that Way." Seventh-Day Adventist leaders have protested the poster campaign, noting that Adventists, Jews, and other groups use the seventh day of the week.

CATHOLICS TO STUDY MIGRATION

Establishment of an international Catholic Institute for Scientific Research on Migration was approved by the second international Catholic Migration Congress in the Netherlands. Among the subjects recommended for study by the institute were an analysis of the history of migrants and migrant groups as background for their relationship in new countries; and the social-religious aspects of migration, such as, the influence of the social and ecclesiastical life of both the sending and receiving countries.

"This institute must closely co-operate with Catholic and other
sities in order to promote the t
of scholars for this task," a res
stated. "It requires the co-opera
demographers, geographers,
gists, economists, and psychol

A spokesman for the Comm
said that the Congress "has bee
successful despite the great dive
of migration problems in co
represented. . . . It has unde
the need to press the urgency of
tion problems on the internatio
governmental level."

AUSTRALIAN UPROAR OVER HROMADKA

A peace rally in Melbourne, Au
addressed by Dr. Josef Hro
Czech Protestant theologian,
into a noisy demonstration by
communists, who heckled him
stantly, and others who applaud
churchman in a counter-demonst
Police were able to prevent a s
brawl, but there was shouting and
ing of fists when Dr. Hromadka
that there was now no trend t
concentration camps in his coun

The demonstrators, mostly
immigrants from Europe, followe
Hromadka into the hall and
when he came out before the au
The chairman of the meeting
agreed to have a representative
Free Anti-Communist Czechs in
tralia take the floor after Dr. Hr
ka's speech. The rally had been
sored by the Peace Quest For
committee of Melbourne clergy

LUTHERAN MEMBERSHIP

Membership in Lutheran Churc
the U. S. and Canada reached
high of nearly seven million in
according to a report of the N
Lutheran Council. The total m
ship is 6,869,066, an increase o
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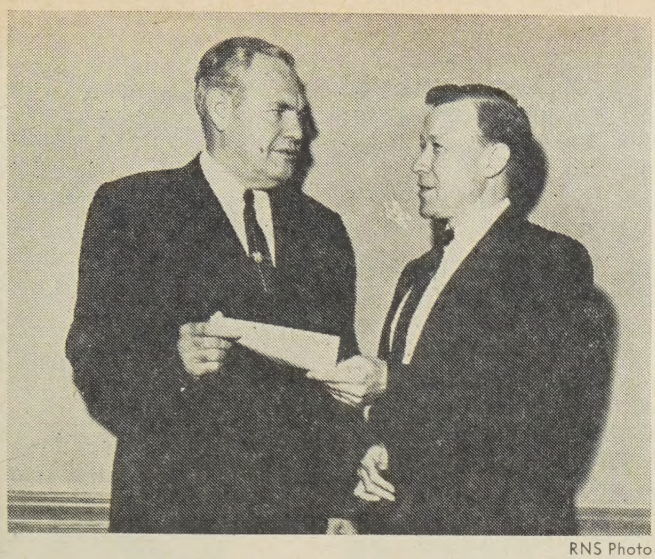
year. The percentage gain has
rather constant for the past five
Of the grand total, 6,666,181

MURRAY FOUNDATION GIFT



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esident Walter P. Reuther (right) presents a gift of $200,000 to the National of Churches on behalf of the Philip Murray Memorial Foundation. Accepting the r the Council is its president, Bishop William C. Martin of Dallas, Texas. Half of the m will be used to assist in financing the Council's national education program in s of the church and economic life. The other $100,000 will be designated as the Murray Fund to set up and maintain a permanent library and research service for rches in the field of the relationship of religion and ethics to economic life.

in the U. S., and 202,885 in u. Confirmed membership now ,658,715, a gain of 2.3 per cent. the ninth successive year, the numerical increase was regis- y The Lutheran Church—Mis- ynod, which had an increase of cent over 1952. With a mem- of 1,916,510, the Missouri Syn- ne second largest Lutheran body nerica. The United Lutheran in America is largest, with a membership of 2,143,372. The lical Lutheran Church is the rgest group.

test advance on a percentage mong major bodies was shown American Lutheran Church, gain of 4.2 per cent. It is the largest group.

SIZE OVER

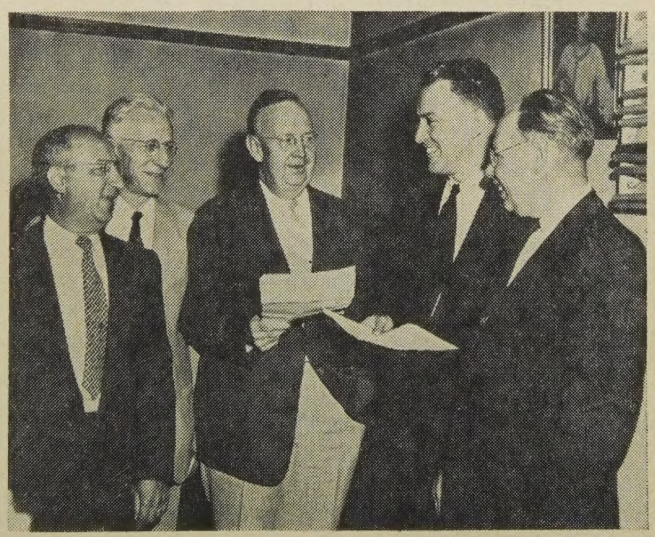
ica's drinkers are spend- 128,424 an hour for the privilege ing hangovers, reported Mrs. Powell, national treasurer of TU, at its 80th annual conven- he based the hourly figure on ment of Commerce reports that ans spend $9,885,000,000 a year or, wine, and beer.

n the Federal government is becoming a bit embarrassed over this astronomical waste," she said. "The Department of Commerce took pains this year to point out that $3,800,000,000 of the $9,885,000,000 was federal, state, and local taxes. These taxes do not pay the grocery bill of drunkards' families, and do not meet the cost of drink-associated crime, poverty, delinquency, and human and economic loss to the nation, the state, and the community."

WORTHY OF NOTE . . .

Twelve conscientious objectors have volunteered to be "guinea pigs" in tests to determine the effects of food exposed to atomic radiation. The tests will be conducted at the University of Colorado under the joint sponsorship of scientists from the university and from Fitzsimmons Army Hospital in Denver. . . . All state assemblies, presbyteries, and local church sessions of the Presbyterian Church of Australia will be polled before December, 1955, on whether the denomination should resume negotiations on organic union with the Australian Congregational and Methodist Churches. . . . Permanent headquarters of the National Council of Churches will be located in New York City, according to the decision of its General Board. Earlier a Committee of ten had made the same recommendation.

ANTI-BINGO



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The Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence of the National Council of Churches has recommended to the Council's General Board an anti-bingo resolution in keeping with what it considers to be good stewardship practice. Among the churchmen attending the meeting were, left to right: Dr. J. W. Bright of Cleveland, secretary of the Commission on Stewardship, Evangelical and Reformed Church; The Rev. H. Spenser Minnich of Chicago, financial representative, Church of the Brethren; Dr. J. G. Patton of Atlanta, executive secretary, General Council, Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (Southern); the Rev. Thomas K. Thompson of New York, executive director of the Council's Stewardship Department; and Dr. W. J. H. McKnight of Pittsburgh, associate secretary, Board of Administration, United Presbyterian Church.

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PERSONS

Dr. J. A. Aasgaard, president emeritus of The Evangelical Lutheran Church, preached Sunday morning, Sept. 19, in Central Lutheran Church, Edmonton, Alberta, and spoke in the afternoon at the fall festival of the Bethany Sunset Home in Camrose. From there he went to Saskatoon, Sask., where he addressed the students at Luther Seminary. Oct. 3 he preached at a Sunday service in Beatrice, Nebr., in connection with the general convention of the American Lutheran Church. On Oct. 10 he will be guest preacher at a mission festival at Gol Church near Kenyon, Minn., and the following Sunday he will speak at the 50th anniversary service of Our Saviour's Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba. In the course of the fall Dr. and Mrs. Aasgaard will move to Cokato, Minn. Quite often, however, he will be in Minneapolis, where, through the courtesy of Dr. R. E. Haugan, manager of Augsburg Publishing, an office will be provided him in the new building of the publishing concern, at 426 South Fifth St.

The Rev. N. T. Eckstein has resigned his pastorate at Lake Wilson, Minn., to pursue graduate study.

The Rev. O. G. Salveson was installed Sept. 5 as pastor of Bethlehem Church, Hills, Minn.

DISTRICTS

California

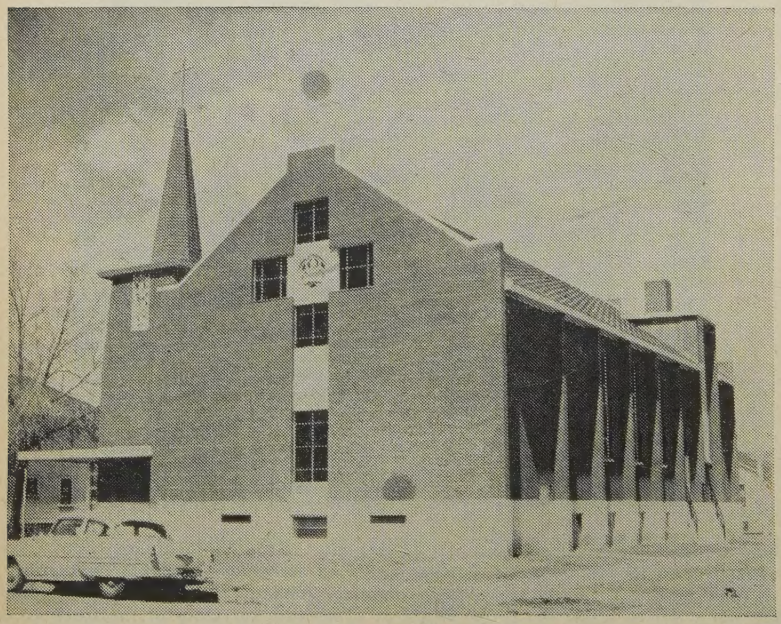
Northridge, Calif. First Lutheran Church, parish of the Rev. Henry E. Ericksen, dedicated Sept. 5, a new four-room addition to its school building, which will enable the church to receive about 240 pupils in its day school. The church has recently purchased five additional acres of property, to be largely used for recreational purposes.

Ventura, Calif. Trinity Church, parish of the Rev. Owen E. Doely, celebrated its tenth anniversary Sept. 26. Guest speaker was the Rev. Leonard Hultgren of San Francisco.

FALL CONVENTION

The annual Fall Convention of the Golden Gate-Sacramento Valley Circuit of the Lutheran Daughters of the Reformation was held at the Norwegian Lutheran Church at 19th and Dolores in San Francisco, Calif., Saturday, October 9 with registration at 10 a.m. Miss Lissi-Marie Sepstrup of Los Gatos, guest speaker, spoke theme, "God's Hand Upon Us." tion and prayer was given by Ruslie of Central in Oakland vocal selection by Alma Swen Trinity in San Francisco.

NEW CHURCH AT BILLINGS, MONT.



Pictured above is the new American Lutheran Church in Billings, Mont., which was completed this past year, and dedicated May 9, 1954. Pastor of the church is the Rev. Ralph W. Glenn. The new church seats 600 people and also features a new parish hall and education wing. The history of this church dates back to 1893. Two churches were built, in 1909 and in 1929, prior to the construction of this new building. The Rev. R. A. Daehlin, president of the Rocky Mountain District, presented the sermon at the dedication services.

OBITUARIES

S. R. Torgeson

Samuel R. Torgeson, for t three years executive director ELC Board of Pensions, died i neapolis Sept. 25, after several of declining health. Funeral were held Sept 27 at Bethlehem in Minneapolis; burial took p Lake Mills, Iowa. Mr. Torges born at Hanlontown, Iowa, 6 ago. After graduating from S

College in 1917 he was enga banking at Lake Mills and a Iowa, until he, three years a cepted the position as pension d From 1927 to 1933 he served Iowa legislature, and was a m of the Republican Central Com for Iowa 1943-51. Among his su are his wife, a son, a sister, brother, the Rev. Thomas Torg Chicago.

Mrs. I. O. Scheie

Mrs. Marie Fosmark Scheie, of the Rev. I. O. Scheie (died passed away Aug. 24 in Minne Minn., in her 93rd year. Funera ices were held Aug. 27 at Ou iour's Church in Minneapolis, th Alf Kraabel officiating. The Rev Borge, a nephew of the deceased for the family. She was born N 1861, in Dane County, Wis. youth she attended St. Olaf Coll 1883 she married the Rev. I. O. then pastor at Whitewater, Wis at McIntosh, Minn. Survivors are daughters and two sons, one o being the Rev. L. F. Scheie of apolis.

The Rev. E. O. Holen

The Rev. Eyvin O. Holen, C Ill., died Sept. 15, in his 87th Funeral services were held Sept. the Norwegian Memorial Churc

PACIFIC LUTHERAN
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
THE LIBRARY

Dr. Sverre Norborg officiating. gs were brought by Pastors Falk and A. M. Knudsen. Pas-len was born Oct. 10, 1867, at Telemark, Norway. For some prior to his leaving for America), he worked as field secretary way for the Santal Mission. In e was ordained, and served par-n North Dakota, Illinois, and ork. From 1934 to 1942 he was of the Chicago Norwegian ial Church. For several years he as chaplain of the Norwood)ld People's Home in Chicago. rst wife, nee Johanne Olsen, 1920, and his second wife, nee Samuelson, died Jan. 12, 1953. survived by a daughter and a e Rev. Olaf Holen of Roland,

The Rev. S. G. Nelson

Rev. Severin G. Nelson, Mis-Montana, died Sept. 2, 76 years . Funeral services were held at St. Paul's Church in Mis-he Rev. H. C. Hjortholm offi-Pastor Nelson was born July 8, it Sveio, Hordaland, Norway. ne to U.S.A. in 1886. He at-St. Olaf College, Spokane Col-niversity of Minnesota, and the Church Seminary in St. Paul, ing from the last institution in le served the following parishes, Montana; Great Falls, Harlem, and Polson. From 1936 to 1952 ed as field representative of the Hospital in Missoula. In 1917 ried Miss Magdalena Rognlie, irvives him, together with a r and two grandsons.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

e given away: Eight Gothic d) window frames. Write Good an Home, Pocahontas, Iowa.

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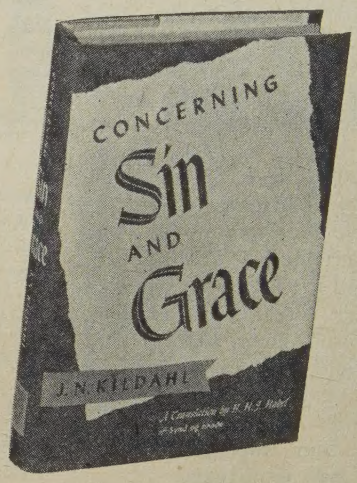

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